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WAITING LIST FOR TELEPHONE CONNECTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons on the waiting list for telephone connections in Kerala at present, district-wise;

(b) the reasons for delay in clearing the pending telephone connections;

(c) the time by which these connections are likely to be provided;

(d) the details of the new technology equipments provided in the State for telecommunication expansion plan?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) As on 30.6.2001, there are 838638 applicants in the waiting list and the district wise split up is given below:

Name of District/Union Territory	No. of applicants in waiting list
Kasanagod	39384
Connanore	74501
Calicut	83455
Wynad	26392
Malappuram	109523
Palghat	50713
Trichur	71344
Ernakulam	57941
Idukki	33414
Kottayam	48125
Alleppey	70723
Pathanmthitta	23580
Quilon	88381
Trivandrum	58862
Total for Kerala State	836338
U/T of Lakshdweep	143
U/T of Pondicherry (Mahe)	2157
Total for Kerala circle	838638

(b) Kerala Circle has its special problems due to its unique geographical features, climate conditions, dwelling habits of the people etc. Prolonged rainy seasons extending from May till December end reduces considerably the working days available for carrying out developmental works. The dwelling habits of the people in Kerala is such that the telephone demand is more or less uniformly spread over the service area of the telephone exchanges. To overcome this, department is constantly making efforts to have higher targets for Kerala Circle. In the last three financial years, the growth in providing DELs have been almost 30 %. The DELS provided in 98 - 99 99 - 00 and 00 - 01 were 271065, 350055 and 456444 respectively. This year Target for Kerala circle is kept as 7.18 Lakh lines, one of the highest target. The same trend will continue till we are able to make the Kerala Circle current.

(c) The present registered connections are likely to be provided in the year 2002 - 2003.

(d) The details of the new technology equipments already provided in the state for telecommunication expansion plan is as under.

OCB	676076 lines
AXF	201566 lines
5 ESS	116956 lines

and the plan for the year 2001 - 2002 is given below.

OCB 272500 lines
AXE 39900 lines
5 ESS 324500 lines